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The election filed on March 25, 2002, is non-responsive to the prior Office action because no election of species was made. An election of species was required in that restriction as noted in the restriction mailed February 21, 2002.

The species were I- Pyrococcus Woesi Fen-1 endonuclease, II - Methanococcus Janschii Fen-1 endonuclease, III- Methanobacterium thermoautotrophicum Fen-1 endonuclease, IV - Archaeoglobus fulgidus Fen-1 endonuclease and V - each specific chimeric Fen-1 endonuclease.

A further species election of a SINGLE nucleic acid sequence was also required.

Since the response appears to be *bona fide*, but through an apparent oversight or inadvertence failed to provide a complete response to the written restriction, applicant is required to complete the response. EXTENSION OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey Fredman, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (703) 308-6568.

The examiner is normally in the office between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and telephone calls either in the morning are most likely to find the examiner in the office.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Benzion, can be reached on (703) 308-1119.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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